

Monroe County Art in Public Places Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday – May 16, 2016 – 4:00 pm
Gato Building, 1st floor Conference room, Key West

In attendance were Committee members: Sue D'Antonio, Jeffrey Harwell, Beth Kaminstein (by phone), Nance Frank, Eric Anderson. Staff: Liz Young, Kimberly Rettenwander

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Sue welcomed the meeting attendees and welcomed Eric Anderson. Expressed her delight in having him on the Committee and encouraged him to ask questions anytime. Nance asked that staff send an information packet to him.

Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2016

Motion: Nance moved to approve the April 18, 2016 minutes; seconded by Jeff. The motion was passed unanimously.

Current Projects – Status Update:

Marathon Court House – Liz updated Committee on the bench progress and that Colin invoiced for the first installment. It is possible that art work will be ready for a July installation. Liz suggested referring to Colin's website to see photos of benches from the rear to see how feet are installed. Jeff suggested contacting Public Works in Marathon and review the site to see if concrete slabs may be necessary initially. Liz will discuss with Colin and Sue and contact maintenance at the Court House.

Beth joined by phone – 4:05 Sue welcomed Beth and recapped above.

Bi-Annual RFQ – Liz: No updates, waiting for County Attorney's office to schedule bid opening date with a 60 day open application period. Nance feels that would be a good time and it could be done electronically. Jeff agrees. Beth agrees releasing RFQ in July is good. Sue and Liz would like to offer 2 workshops for artists similar to the FAPAP initiative which assists in the application process.

Public Works- Liz: Magnolia Street renovation (MM 100), Artwork to be sited at the Murray E Nelson Gov't & Cultural Center. Public Art Budget of \$10,391.21 and Art Budget of \$8,800. Two non-voting members were appointed by the County Administrator - Valerie Barth as a representative of the "Friends of Key Largo Cultural Center and Debra London, an office worker/county employee in MEN. Liz will be contacting them this week. Sue will get photos on Wednesday of the exterior and interior of the Cultural Center to suggest what areas would be most appropriate for public art. Jeff mentioned that a minimum of 10K is needed for any quality exterior public art. Nance suggested a doorway featured in art and Liz suggested a tiled planter as possible art features within budget.

Bernstein Park- Liz: Budget approx \$ 5 million. Sue noted that Ground Breaking is scheduled for May 18, 2016 Wednesday during lunch hour and she would try and be there. Liz will find out if the Bid has been chosen. Sue could find out as well.

Marathon Library – Liz: Budget aprox. \$ 6 million. Liz reported on the design progress she has received through meetings and emails. Two level building plans under discussion via numerous emails on changes to accommodate adult ed., school, public, County and City of Marathon. Plans are to complete by December. Will share emails with any Committee members interested regarding details.

Cudjoe Fire Station. Liz: updated Budget \$ 3.3 million. Property purchase is complete. Liz noted that the site will feature excellent visibility on the Overseas Highway for public art.

Freeman Justice Center Complex: Liz: Budget: approx \$1.5 million. No update

Projects Slated for 2016/2017:

Plantation Key Court House
Higgs Beach, Key West
Big Pine Key Swimming Hole
Key West Senior Center-removed from agenda

No updates, Liz will request the Architects names from the Project Managers. Nance feels Bert Bender would help by looking at each site and giving suggestions. Jeff clarified that each Commissioner should be contacted (try monthly) by their AIPP Committee member for their input.

Other business:

FAPAP Conference – May 4-6 Venice, FL: Attended by Sue, Liz and Cris and also representing the City of Key West was Connie Gilbert, Dick Moody and Marianne Van de Brook. Liz and Sue gave an overview of the Conference and discussed their interaction with President Melissa Davies from Tampa. Congratulations to Liz who was chosen as the Treasurer of FAPAP. Next year the Conference will be in Orlando and the following year in Tampa. Sue explained the RAD (Regional Artist Development) series is comprised of a day or two of workshops for artists with speakers in the field. Liz and Sue suggested it would be excellent to offer this locally, possible the months of April or May. Discussion regarding venue, promotion, cost. Beth suggested a more centralized location like Marathon so all FL Keys artist could attend. Nance suggested the location stay in Key West as it is a more desirable location and direct flights into EYW are easier to book and then offer a Teleconference for those unable to get to Key West. More discussion.

Stock Island Fire Station- Budget remaining: \$5,108. Liz reported that these funds need to be used by September 30, 2016. Nance reported that the foliage growth in front of the Fire Station is so high now that it is difficult to see the art on the building when driving or walking by. Nance suggested we think about the curbside signage and consider something that sparks curiosity so that readers/pedestrians walk up to the building. Liz will check if a permit is needed for installing signage. Nance suggests choosing material that is beautiful, long lasting and that can withstand the tropical elements over time and storms. Discussion. Nance suggests an aluminum panel approx 20x30 with a color photo etched onto the surface with laser of the Razzle Dazzle mural and a written description of the art work and artist. This would be mounted onto a possible coral/keystone support stand. Nance will contact Michael Marrero to see if he will do the photo laser onto the aluminum. Eric will source out the coral/stone base and price. Liz will also check with artist Helen Harrison for a supplier.

Conch Key Fire Station – Budget: \$1,026.43 remaining. Liz spoke with Jolly Benson, who has priced the lighting job at \$ 2050.00 to complete. He will use the existing plugs and barn doors for the LED lighting. Chief Callahan was sent request for approval to pay for the balance remaining. Liz will follow up this week regarding approval.

Key West Airport –Plans underway for a new conference room. No start date. Discussion regarding past projects at the Airport. Liz shared a presentation from FAPAP titled "Memorials vs Monuments". More discussion as to the overall art presentations in and around the airport both permanent and temporary. Nance reported that she will contact Peter Horton and ask to be kept updated on project dates and plans.

Beth left by phone 4:47 pm

Public Input – None

Meeting date discussion. Two members are out of town for June meeting and September meeting. Schedule re-arranged to meet the needs of Committee members and agenda. No meeting in June with July meeting in Marathon and August in Key West and no meeting in September. October to remain in Marathon.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn: Nance 1st Jeff 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by:

Kimberly Rettenwander, Business Manager